



# southern california dx club

MAY 2002

## P5/4L4FN



## Skips Korner — Words from our President

KJ6Y



Well here it is the Monday before the convention, and I'm getting excited. Not only am I looking forward to see everyone in Visalia, hopefully winning a prize or two, but I also get to play golf. I just hope I don't embarrass myself.

My congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers who will make this convention the best ever.

The prize list and guest speakers and programs are outstanding. Be sure to get there early and buy those raffle tickets.

I hope everyone got a chance to work Ducie for a new one. After a slow start they seemed to get better later on in the expedition. I was able to work them several times along with the XR0 group on many needed bands. The Baker/Howland group should be on soon. I sent out lots of QSL cards lately and have been getting cards in the mail almost every day. Confirmed several all time new ones and some 160 meter.

Remember the next Club meeting is the picnic on May 11 at Woodley Park in Encino, same place as last year. If you haven't contacted Rich, W6VX yet, let him know if you'll be bringing a dessert or side dish. Herb tells me there are still some squares available for the Icom 706 radio.

## HOW SWEET IT IS!

DXCC Accepting P5/4L4FN Contacts



Since early November 2001, Mr. Edisher (Ed) Giorgadze, 4L4FN, a Georgian citizen employed by the United Nations World Food Program, has been active as P5/4L4FN in Pyongyang, DPRK. DXCC Rule 7 states "Any Amateur Radio operation should take place only with the complete approval and understanding of appropriate administration officials." The rule continues, "In any case, credit will be given for contacts where adequate evidence of authorization by appropriate authorities exists." The ARRL has now received adequate evidence that the operation by Mr. Giorgadze is being conducted with the knowledge and approval of telecommunications officials in Pyongyang. At the present time, this approval is limited to SSB operation. The ARRL Awards Committee has met and concurred that the operation should be accredited. As a result, we are pleased to announce that effective immediately, the DXCC Branch will accept SSB contacts with P5/4L4FN for DXCC credit. Contacts with P5/4L4FN dating back to early November, 2001 will count for this Entity.

## SCDXC Summer Picnic Saturday, May 11—11:00AM—???

The picnic takes the place of the regular meeting this month.

Directions to the park as supplied by W6VX.

"The grand day will be held at Woodley Park, Grove 1, in Van Nuys. From the south, exit the northbound 405 at Burbank. This is the first exit past the 101 Freeway. Turn left (west) onto Burbank and travel about 3/4 of a mile to Woodley Avenue. Turn right at the stoplight and go north about 3/4 of a mile. The entrance into the picnic area parking lot is just north of the entrance to the Donald C Tillman Water Reclamation Plant. The grove is on the east side of Woodley Avenue.

## The Veeeeep Speaks

de Herb, KG6OK



Wow! What a great convention we had again this year at Visalia! I wanted to start this month's column by congratulating everyone involved with the DX Convention for all of the hard work and efforts put forth to making this year's convention one of the best ever. As many of you realize, there is a huge "behind the scenes" effort that goes into the planning, coordination, and execution of the convention, and it takes a small army of resources to help make it all work. I personally would

like to thank a number of folks that helped me with all of the on site activities around the prizes and vendors. Special thanks to Skip – KJ6Y, Carl – WU6D, Cathy – W6VC, Wayne – W6IRD, Pete – W6ZH, Larry – K6YUI, Steve – W6NRQ, and Charlotte - KB6FXS for all of the efforts with the prizes, vendors, tickets, etc, etc, etc.

I would also like to thank the SCDXC Board for the recognition I received this year as DX'er of the Year. Words cannot express the appreciation and humility I feel for being recognized for this honor by the club. It is truly a humbling moment to look at the list of fellow hams that have been recognized by the club over the years with this award, and to realize that I have been recognized with them. I remember vividly when I first joined the SCDXC a few years ago, and how awe struck I was by the quality of members within this organization, and the "who's who" list of some of the top DX'ers and contesters from around Southern California that were a part of the club. I was hon-

ored then, just for the opportunity to be a member of this outstanding organization. To be recognized now, with this honor is truly overwhelming to me, and I once again wanted to thank the SCDXC Board and our members for the privilege of being of service to the club. I also would like to thank my wife Karen, for supporting me with this wonderful hobby. She has been a great source of support, encouragement, and participation with my activities around ham radio and our great club. She has been my alarm clock for countless wake up calls in the middle of the night, to help me get out of bed to chase some "new one" on the low bands. She has enthusiastically opened our home for our ham radio friends, for contests, board meetings, and convention planning sessions. She has encouraged me when I felt totally overwhelmed with the club tasks and projects I found myself involved with. Thank you Karen!

By the way, here is just another reminder.... We will be having a special raffle for an ICOM 706MKII-G the club picnic on Saturday, May 11, 2002. The picnic will be at the same location - Woodley Park, Sepulveda Basin – same as last year. There are still squares available at a cost of \$10 / square for this special raffle. If you are interested in purchasing some raffle squares, you can mail your check to me (payable to the SCDXC, and let me know how many squares you want - \$10 / square). If there are still squares available the day of the picnic, we will sell those off before we raffle off the radio.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Club Picnic! 73 and gud dxing till then!

## Convention Awards



The SCDXC is pleased to announce that Herb Rosenberg, KG6OK, is our "DX'er of the Year" Also, the Clipperton award was won by Jim Shryne, N6DHZ.





## Ducie Island

After the disappointment last year, JA1BK and his gang arrived at Ducie last month. They put the "new one" on the air with a major effort and passed out Q's by the thousands. Reports were that the pile ups were the thickest seen on the bands in a long time.

The SCDXC was pleased to have Kan and Vince, K5KT, at the Visalia Convention.

When asked if there are ANY MORE new ones, Kan told the gang, "NO".

What does that mean? Is that REALLY the situation, or is there an other one lurking in the background?

Only time will tell.

The photo is from the Ducie Island

## Rosters Available

SCDXC official rosters are available to all members. Hard copies will be passed out at the next regular meeting in June. (The picnic takes the place of the May meeting).

If you want to have a copy e mailed to you please send an e mail to K6EXO@arrl.net with your request.

The web page roster is *slowly* being updated.

## Picnic Raffle

The "Pick a Square" for the IC706 will be drawn at the SCDXC picnic on May 11. Each square costs \$10.

## Propagation, Ham Puzzle, and the Spotting Derby will return next month.

## SK

We just learned that KG6O, Barry Thomson became a SK in January

## Thanks to all.

Thanks to the team that made the 53rd Annual DX Convention a huge success.

We accomplished our goal to make this THE BEST EVER!  
Carl, WU6D







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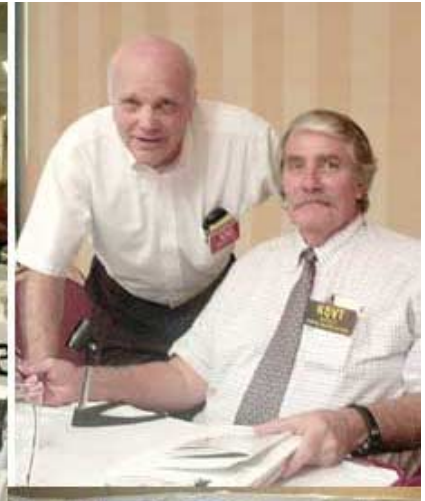
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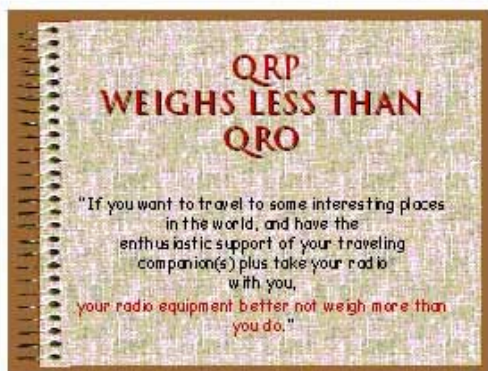




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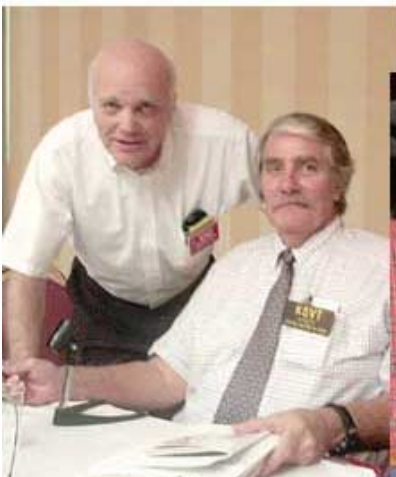


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Here is a picture of new member Peter, K6PSK's upgraded antenna installation. It is a 20 ft Rohn tower, Hygain TH11 5 band beam, 40 meter rotatable dipole on the roof of 5 story apartment building. It helps to be the owner.

**You are invited to send photos and stories about YOUR Shack to share with the gang. It is amazing how varied the rigs are we use!**



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